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TOPIC Arrival and Distribution of Recruits in Rathenow.

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1. Troop trains, arriving at the Rathenow-Nord railroad station from Gerdauen between 4 and 12 June 1951, included shuttle-train of 55 boxcars with about 2,000 soldiers on 4 June; shuttle-train of 51 boxcars with about 1,800 soldiers on 9 June; and shuttle-train of 53 boxcars with about 1,500 soldiers on 12 June. *

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2. These soldiers were distributed and dispatched from the Rathenow-Nord railroad station as follows:

Shipment	Destination and Date
16 boxcars	Altengrabow; 4 June
5 boxcars	Wildpark; 4 June
5 boxcars	Chemnitz-Altendorf; 4 June
5 boxcars	Chemnitz; 9 June
6 boxcars	Chemnitz; 11 June
15 boxcars	Altengrabow; 11 June
21 boxcars; dispatched from the Rathenow main railroad station	Altengrabow; 11 June
5 boxcars	Frankfurt/Oder; 13 June

Each boxcar carried an average of 40 young soldiers most of whom wore red epaulets, some of them red-bordered black epaulets. **

* Comment. The present report confirms previous information. The three shuttle-trains were previously observed at the Guestrin border crossing point or while en route to Rathenow.

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***  Comment. The recruits were sent to places occupied by units subordinate to the IV Arty Corps, and to the Altengrabow troop training grounds, where units of this corps have been for firing practice since April 1951. It is definitive that the distribution of the recruits was made by the corps headquarters in Rathenow. Therefore it is now established that the unidentified AAA Divisions in Chemnitz, possibly the 6th Gds, and in Frankfurt/Oder, possibly the 32d, are subordinate to the IV Arty Corps since shipments of recruits were also dispatched to Chemnitz and Frankfurt/Oder. The 2d Gds A/A Div in Potsdam is subordinate to the IV Arty Corps.

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